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Speaking of sex, work and art

By ADAM LERNER
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Just days after the Century Project exhibit closed, performers in the Sex Workers' Art Show [SWAS] returned to the College of William and Mary for the fourth year in a row, exhibiting their bodies, stories and struggles with notably less vocal controversy than last year.

The Discussion

As opposed to the demonstrations seen in previous years, supporters and critics channeled their opinions in a pre-show discussion of the issues. Organized by the President's Office, the discussion was meant to fulfill College President Taylor Reveley's call for "a robust opportunity for the free play of ideas" that "[serves] the Jeffersonian ideal."

Approximately 40 people attended the discussion, many of whom were journalists and College administrators. SWAS performers and individuals from outside the College community were also in attendance.

Panelists Jessee Vasold '11, co-president of Lambda Alliance, and Alex Powell '10, representing the Facebook group "Don't spend our money on the Sex Workers' Art Show!," responded to questions from the audience.

Although both said they were not opposed to SWAS, Vasold defended the use of Student Assembly funds to subsidize the event while Powell asserted that, the SA should not fund the event.

Neither of the two shows this year sold out.

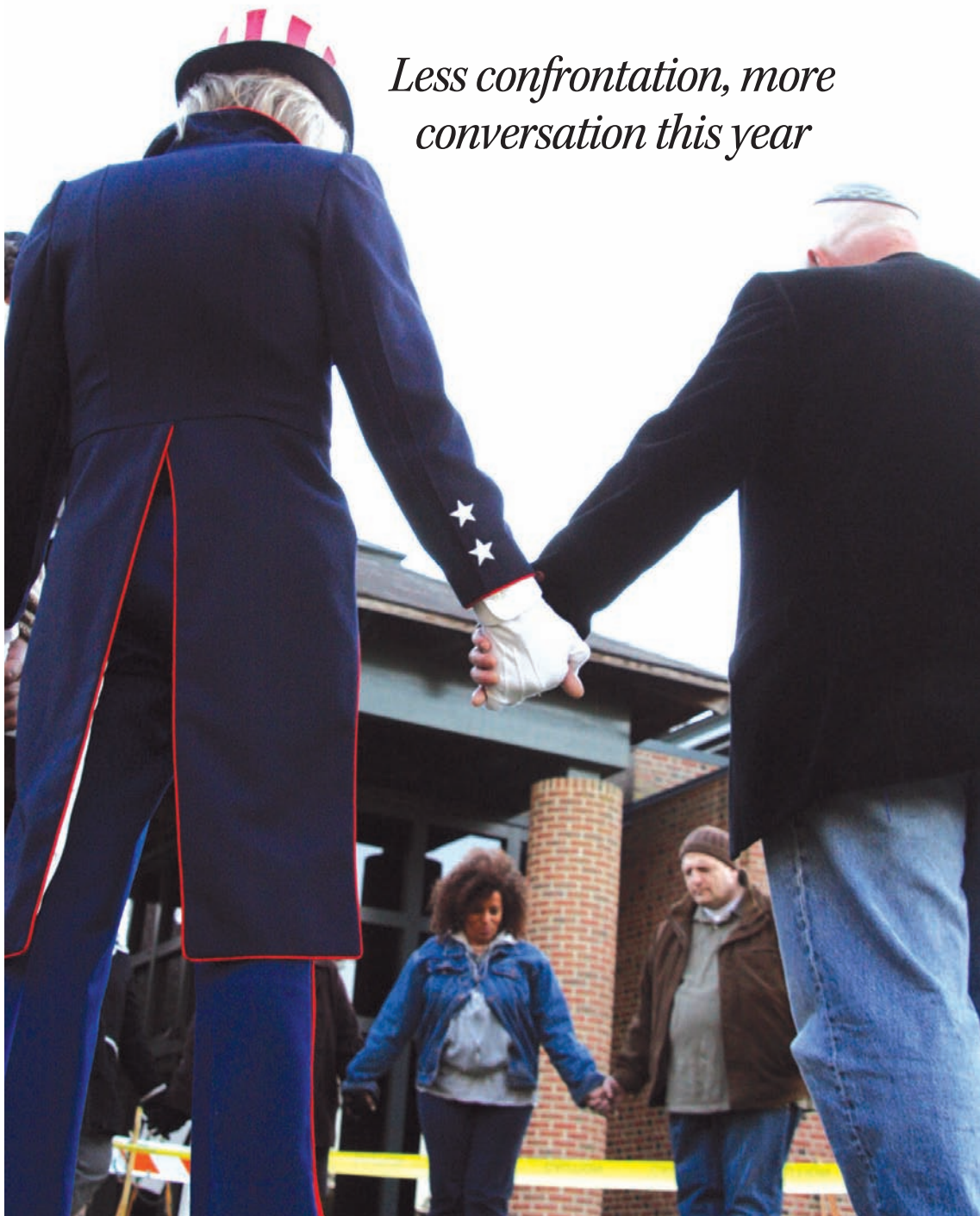
The first half of the hour-long discussion revolved around funding until Annie Oakley, the self-described "founder, director, road manager, emcee and den mother of the Sex Workers' Art Show," shifted the debate.

"I just think it's a little bit disingenuous that we have gathered all these school officials and professors to talk about how \$2,300 is spent. I don't think it's about the funding, I really don't," Oakley said. "I think it would better serve all of us if we talked about why we're really here, why everyone is so nervous about this show."

One audience member asserted that a Virginia statute is the only reason why the Sex Workers' Art Show is allowed on campus but not in a local Unitarian Universalist church, as was once proposed.

"This is allegedly a free speech issue—it's promoting a particular kind of free speech that, if one half mile from here, would be illegal," an audience member who wished to remain anonymous said. "If it goes out and over here to James City County, these sex workers are down at Peninsula Regional Jail."

Less confrontation, more conversation this year



JACK HOHMAN — THE FLAT HAT

Members of a conservative group pray in front of the Sadler Center, the location of the much debated SWAS.

After the show, supporters and critics of the show alike could be seen speaking with each other and exchanging e-mail addresses.

Many were pleased with the conversation, while others were disappointed with both the low turnout and the superficial discussion of some of the issues.

"It was heavily populated by men and was just dancing around the issues," Oakley said.

Reuben Autery, the director of the William and Mary Chapter of the Chi Alpha Fellowship and one of only two attendees willing to say he objected to the content rather than the funding of the show, said he was disappointed at the lack of participation in the discussion.

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SA hopefuls debate role of executive

Pres/VP candidates discuss transparency

By JULIA RIESENBERG
The Flat Hat

Student Assembly presidential candidates Horacio Carreño '10 and Sarah Rojas '10 debated fundraising, experience and accessibility during the presidential debate Sunday. Coordinated by the Student Assembly Elections Committee, the debate was moderated by government professor Clay Clemens.

The candidates' answers to Clemens' questions revealed both the similarities and differences in their platforms. Both sides called for more student outreach, SA transparency, increased funding for student organizations, a safer, greener campus, better town-gown relations and greater protection of Greek life.

Horacio Carreño '10 and running mate Michael Douglass '11 cited club funding as their central issue, whereas Rojas and running mate Ryan Ruzic J.D. '11 advocated for diversification of the College of William and Mary community through the building of a multicultural center on campus.

"We really think that [building] the intercultural center is extremely important," Rojas said. "William and Mary is becoming a school that is putting a lot of focus on diversity, and we want to show prospective and current students that we care about it."

Carreño expressed his concern over the \$40,000 that was cut from club funding this year.

"The budget is getting smaller every year," he said.

Clemens asked the candidates to consider

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Cleaning staff in Swem Library angered by administration

Custodians say that they have been treated unfairly



KEVIN LIPTAK — THE FLAT HAT

Roots stands in the room where she eats lunches alongside cleaning supplies.

By KEVIN LIPTAK
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Housekeepers in Swem Library have previously shared their lunchroom with industrial-grade cleaning solvents and a pile of mops. That room was converted to storage space at the beginning of this week, and staff members are now wondering where they can rest after hours of work.

Swem housekeeper and Union Shop Stewardess Colette Roots said the break room situation is indicative of a larger trend seen in buildings across campus: Housekeepers routinely being disrespected and ignored by supervisors and management.

"I have never ever seen a system this broke in my life," Roots said. "They disregard people. Everything I suggest, they say is a

problem. Things are going backwards for us. They never move forward."

The "closet" break area was the result of a compromise between library housekeepers and management. When the official break room — a large sunny space on the second floor — started being used for library training this summer, Roots and other housekeepers started spending their breaks

in the first-floor Starbucks. Students who study in the Starbucks complained they were being too noisy, so an alternate space was set up in the basement.

The basement room did not have any windows and only had space for one chair. A refrigerator and microwave were positioned three feet from a shelf, which held

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Graduate student publishes new book on Obama

'The Obama Revolution' outlines Kennedy-Shaffer's experience as a volunteer

By FELICIA TSUNG
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Many students at the College of William and Mary study history, bust last November, one student lived it.

Graduate student Alan Kennedy-Shaffer J.D. '09 spent several months last semester working to make Barack Obama the next president of the United States. Kennedy-Shaffer went door-to-door to talk to voters, coordinated volunteers and even ran a campaign office. His book, "The Obama Revolution," published ear-

lier this month, shares his firsthand experiences as a campaign insider on the history-making campaign.

Kennedy-Shaffer already had extensive experience in politics before he began his work for the Obama campaign. In the past, he registered voters in his hometown of Harrisburg, Pa. having volunteered for Howard Dean's campaign in New Hampshire in 2004, and served as a minor Democratic Party official in his precinct. Neighborhood kids would follow him as he went from house to house, some asking for their own Obama stick-

er, others wanting to helping him register their family members to vote.

"It was a great experience to get out into the community and register people to vote because they were so excited to be voting for Barack Obama," Kennedy-Shaffer said.

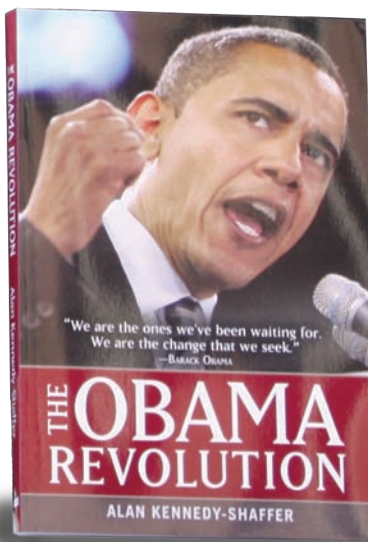
In July 2008, Kennedy-Shaffer was hired as the Democratic Party's regional field director for the Tidewater region of Virginia, which encompasses the 11 counties north of the York River.

He worked out of Gloucester County and established an internship program

where several students from the College worked to energize the local community, recruiting and organizing volunteers. Volunteers made thousands of phone calls, canvassed everyday and, as it grew closer to Election Day, ran several 'Get Out the Vote' events in the region.

"It was fairly historic for us to go into an extremely Republican, rural area to talk about the candidate who would become the first black president, which created a lot of interesting conversations,"

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CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT

Kennedy-Shaffer's new book outlines why he believes Obama won the 2008 election.

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Weather

Tuesday



High 53°
Low 34°

Wednesday



High 55°
Low 46°

Thursday



High 61°
Low 50°

Source: www.weather.com

News in brief

Williamsburg Fire Chief retires

Williamsburg Fire Chief T.K. “Buz” Weiler will retire from the force in July 2009, after 42 years of dedicated service. Weiler joined the Fire Department after leaving the United States Navy in 1967. He achieved the rank of Fire Chief in 1991. Mayor Jeanne Zeidler praised Weiler’s service highly, calling Weiler “an integral force in city management as well as the community.”

“Perhaps his greatest legacy is the fine corps of city firefighters he has trained, managed and inspired so capably,” Mayor Zeidler said.

Deputy Fire Chief Pat Dent will serve as acting Fire Chief upon Weiler’s retirement.

Historically black fraternity to come to campus

For the first time, the historically black fraternity Omega Psi Phi will have a presence among undergraduates at the College of William and Mary. The fraternity, which counts Langston Hughes, Michael Jordan and Bill Cosby among its members, unveiled the identities of its newest undergraduate members at the Lake Matoaka Amphitheatre on Saturday, March 21.

Several members of the College community are already members of the fraternity, including Assistant dean of students and Ph.D. candidate, Randy Williams, and Board of Visitors member, the Honorable John Charles Thomas.

— by Mason Watson

SA Election Edition By the Numbers

\$233,101.36

Size of the Student Assembly Consolidated Reserve at the beginning of the 2008-2009 academic year. The SA senate funds legislation using money from the consolidated reserve. The Student Activities fee funds into the the reserve.

75%

Percentage of senators elected in spring and fall 2007 who were re-elected in spring 2008.

21

Members of the Student Assembly senate including undergraduate and graduate senators. The senate is also presided over by the SA Vice President, Kristin Slawter. The total number of senators fell from the regular 22 with the resignation of Matt Pinsker '09.

\$176,096

Size of the Student Assembly Consolidated Reserve as of February 3, 2009. One of the more expensive SA projects, the Automatic External Defibrillator act, cost \$19,500.

\$88

Last year’s Student Activities fee. The student activities fee is adjusted yearly to meet the needs of the Student Activities budget. The fees are paid as part of tuition.

— by Mason Watson

STREET BEAT

How do you feel about the Sex Worker’s Art Show?



“I’ve never been, but I have no problem with it.”

Sam Davis '10



“It doesn’t phase me. I’m okay with it and support it.”

Maisha Hossain '11



“I think it is a good idea and should be allowed to be on campus.”

Phillip Walker '10



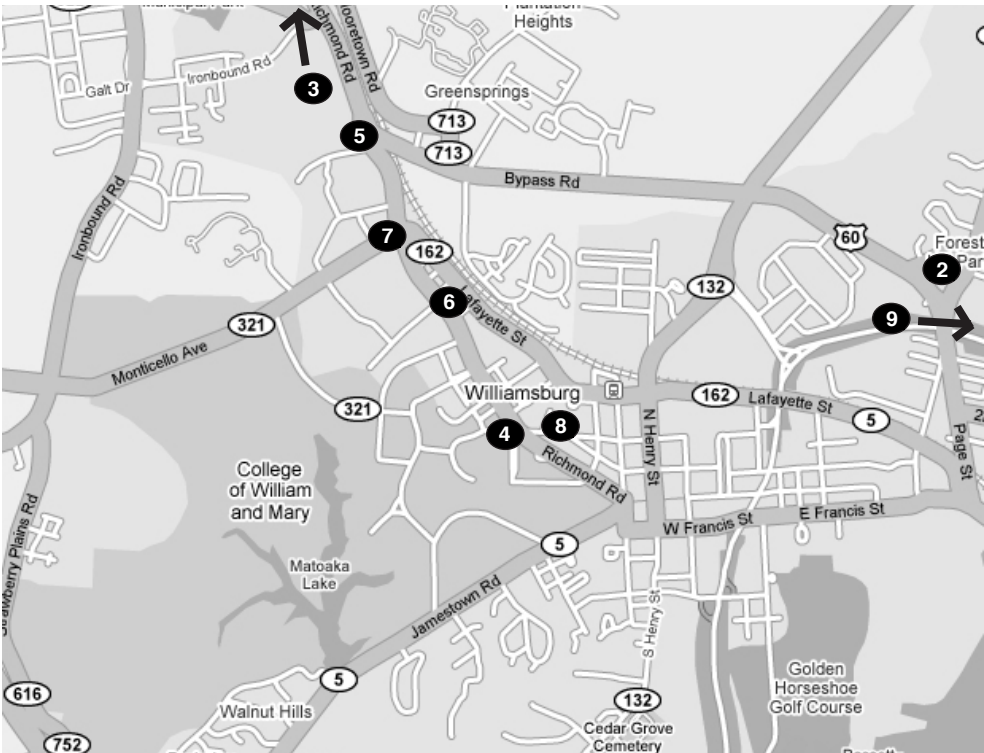
“I don’t mind it. I think it’s fine. I didn’t go last year, but I don’t think it’s a big deal.”

Stefanie Muldrow '11

— photos and interviews by Maral Noori-Moghaddan

CITY POLICE BEAT

March 7 to March 23



COURTESY GRAPHIC — GOOGLE MAPS

1 Saturday, March 7 — An individual was arrested on the 200 block of Saratoga Drive for alleged possession of marijuana.

2 Monday, March 9 — A 37-year-old male was arrested on the 800 block of Capitol Landing Rd. for alleged petty larceny.

3 Friday, March 13 — A 46-year-old male

was arrested on the 1600 block of Richmond Rd. for alleged public drunkenness.

4 Saturday, March 14 — An individual was arrested on the 400 block of Richmond Rd. for alleged vandalism.

5 — A radio was allegedly stolen from a vehicle on the 1400 block of Richmond Rd.

The car window was damaged during the break-in.

6 — A radio and iPod were allegedly stolen from a vehicle on the 1200 block of Richmond Rd. A car window was damaged during the break-in.

3 Sunday, March 15 — A 46-year-old male was arrested on the 3000 block of Richmond Rd. for alleged public drunkenness.

7 Monday, March 16 — A window was allegedly damaged on a car parked on the 100 block of Monticello Ave.

2 Tuesday, March 17 — An individual was arrested on the 900 block of Capitol Landing Rd. for alleged domestic assault. The victim’s arm was possibly broken in the incident.

2 — A 19-year-old male was arrested on the 1000 block of Capitol Landing Rd. for alleged domestic assault. The victim may have suffered minor lacerations in the incident.

8 Tuesday, March 18 — A credit card, a cell phone and \$20 were allegedly stolen on the 700 block of Scotland St.

9 Monday, March 23 — A 21-year-old male was arrested on the 400 block of Merrimac Tr. for alleged assault and battery.

— compiled by Mason Watson

Law student pens book on Obama

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he explained.

Volunteers made thousands of phone calls, canvassed everyday and, as it grew closer to Election Day, ran several ‘Get Out the Vote’ events in the region.

“It was fairly historic for us to go into an extremely Republican, rural area to talk about the candidate who would become the first black president, which created a lot of interesting conversations,” he explained.

Kennedy-Shaffer spoke with a man in Matthews County who had Confederate flags on his truck and who was roasting a pig on his front yard.

Unexpectedly, the man said that he had finally had enough of President Bush’s administration and stuck Obama, Warner and Day signs on his lawn.

“To me, that was representative of the fundamental shift in the electorate... the fundamental move toward change,” Kennedy-Shaffer said. “This campaign was about moving from general hopefulness into actually translating it into change.”

Around mid-October, he left his position to take a job as political director for Democratic Congressional candidate Bill Day.

He remained in that position for the rest of the election season.

When asked to describe the time he spent on the campaign, Kennedy-Shaffer summed it up with one word: “Amazing.”

“Working the campaign was stressful, fatiguing, perpetually frustrating and, in spite of it all, was one of the best experiences of my life,” he said. “This really gave me the opportunity to learn how to run a campaign, and this was by far the most responsibility I have ever had.”

However, Kennedy-Shaffer said that balancing his campaign work with his pursuit of dual graduate degrees in law and American studies at the College was difficult.

“I really didn’t get to show up at the Law School in the fall,” Kennedy-Shaffer said. “Fortunately, I had a couple sympathetic professors whose spouses actually volunteered on the campaign, so I was able to get some extensions and leniency on attendance.”

His book, “The Obama Revolution,” written between Election Day and Christmas, is the first book written by an Obama campaign staffer to be published, and contains Kennedy-Shaffer’s insight and observations of the Obama campaign’s success.

The book also holds ten of Obama’s speeches from the campaign trail and examines how rhetoric affected the new president’s success.

“The speeches on the campaign trail were uplifting and motivating,” Kennedy-Shaffer said. “There was just so much raw excitement and hope that came across at every rally. The energy was not only in the speech, but also in all these people who came together.”

Although the book is generally positive regarding the campaign, there is some critique of organizational aspects.

“With any major bureaucracy, there were territorial fights, overlapping jurisdiction and internal controversies regarding who was supposed to be doing what,” he said. “And that’s what I think we can work on for next time.”

Additionally, Kennedy-Shaffer spends a portion of the book discussing policy. He supports a “green” plan that would create sustainable jobs to boost the economy.

The plan would also include government creation of short-term jobs, similar to those offered by Franklin Roosevelt’s Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930’s.

Policy aside, according to him, the most important challenge currently facing the “Obama revolution,” and the Democratic Party is continuing the momentum created during the campaign.

“The important thing is helping everyone understand that this is something that they get involved in for two months during the election year and then forget about. We really need to commit to acting in the best interest of the country,” he said.

Kennedy-Shaffer said that he wrote this book in order to emphasize the importance of community.

“This is not just about a single man—that is not how change is going to come,” he said. “This is about millions of people getting involved. That’s what the campaign was about, and that’s what needs to happen if we want to continue this change.”

Kennedy-Shaffer will be signing books at the College bookstore on April 4th and 18th from 10 a.m. to noon.



COURTESY PHOTO — CAITLIN FAIRCHILD

Alan Kennedy-Shaffer J.D. '09 worked with the Obama campaign for several months. His book, “The Obama Revolution,” is the first published work written by an Obama campaign staffer.

Sex Worker’s Art Show returns amid less controversy

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“There doesn’t seem to be some good, honest dialogue about thinking about how we think and trying to examine and evaluate the foundations that we hold and see if they really are valid,” Autery said.

Controversy and Protest

After the discussion, some of the participants went on to the first showing at 6 p.m., others went home, and at least one, Autery, went to protest outside the

Sadler Center.

Most agree that the controversy this year has been less charged, both because the controversial Century Project has taken attention away from the show, and because SWAS was not announced until relatively late in the year.

The quieter opposition stands in stark contrast to last year, which saw Oakley doubting whether she would return.

“I wasn’t really sure if it was worth it, honestly. The school

was so incredibly disrespectful and made it so difficult, and the sort of bile of all the opposition to the show was so personal,” Oakley said during a phone interview during a flight to Richmond from Olymipa, Wash., where the show originated.

Outside of the Sadler Center, approximately 20 protestors, most of whom from Congregation Zion’s Sake, a Messianic Jewish congregation from Newport News, peacefully protested by distributing anti-porn litera-

ture, singing and periodically blowing a Jewish horn called a shofar.

The show itself featured eight individual performances by sex workers who interwove their own histories with poetry, comedy, burlesque, spoken word, musical theatre, piano music and multimedia. Skin was more prevalent in some pieces than others, with one performer revealing her breasts and another, her bare bottom. Several points in the performance included

audience participation. One student received a brief lesson in burlesque.

The show was followed by what Oakley called “the Attorney General-mandated official Q&A session”.

One question involved issues of self-respect, regret and glamorizing the sex industry.

“I just said people insulted me on a regular basis. How is that glamorous?” Jo Weldon said. Weldon’s piece discussed insults she had heard while working as

a stripper.

Some of the students who went into the show ambivalent came out praising it while others expressed reservations.

“I’m a senior, I had never seen the show,” Ali Tobia ’09 said. “I truly believe protesters obviously haven’t seen the show and if they did, I would hope that if they could listen and watch with an open mind, they may learn something and see there’s really not a need for so much controversy.”

Candidates debate issues

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the feasibility of the proposals given financial constraints, to which Rojas announced plans to work with alumni to bring in larger donations.

Referencing a conversation he had with College President Taylor Reveley, Douglass disagreed, saying he “doubts there will be any alumni money coming in.”

Rojas rebutted Douglass’ statement. “This is not something we pulled out of thin air,” she said. “Ultimately both of our plans are things we’re going to do a lot of groundwork on. We have the institutional knowledge, however, of how to get things done.”

A theme throughout this election has been the relative advantage or disadvantage of the SA-outsider perspective and questions of SA-culture and experience.

Ruzic offers the SA experience, having served two terms as student body president at the University of Illinois, but some fear that the law student might be out of touch with College undergraduates.

On the opposite end of the spectrum is Carreño, has never held a position within the SA, but has been immersed in a variety of other campus activities. He claims that his “position as an outsider” will allow him to “duly represent all students.” During the debate, Carreño denounced the per-

ceived “double standard” the SA has “for itself and everyone else,” and said that he hopes to make the SA more accessible to the average student.

Those who attended the debate were positive about its outcome.

“I thought that it was a good turnout,” senior class president Kevin Dua ’09, who also serves on the elections commission, said. “I also think all the candidates [were] respectful of each other, but in a competitive way.”

Carreño also praised the debate’s tone.

“It was a really positive debate,” he said. “I would have liked to talk about some more of our issues, though.”

Rojas agreed. “I think there were a few moments of contention when we each kind of jumped on each other,” Rojas said. “But overall it was extremely respectful and it was good to see that even though we want to go about things in different ways, we both have a genuine desire to help the student body next year.”

SA Secretary for Health and Safety Katie Dixon ’09 said the lack of discussion on the “the hot button questions” left her dissatisfied.

“Hopefully both candidates respond to the fact that a lot of the huge issues in their campaign weren’t addressed,” Dixon said.

Housekeepers look for fair treatment

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bottles of carpet shampoos, chewing gum remover, stainless steel cleaner and diluted hydrochloric acid. Mops and brooms were piled under a sanitary waste pipe.

“There’s no table, no nothing,” Roots said. “It has a strong chemical smell. There’s the mop bucket and everything. You see housekeepers standing there, and it’s not fair.”

Associate Director of Facilities Management Curtis Powell argued the closet space in the basement was never supposed to be used as a break room.

“There is not a room in the basement designated as a break room,” Powell wrote in an e-mail. “The break room is on the second floor. In the past there was a refrigerator and a microwave in the basement storage closet. The refrigerator has been removed, and the closet has been restricted to its proper use.”

Powell added that housekeepers were still welcome to use the second-floor space.

“Custodians have the flexibility to take their breaks in different areas of a building,” Powell wrote. “In Swem Library, the staff considers the custodians a part of the their staff and

encourages them to use the library staff lounge.”

While Roots acknowledges the available space for housekeepers in the staff lounge, she says that housekeepers are often uncomfortable sharing the room with library workers.

“We talk about different things, and they talk about different things,” Roots said. “A lot of housekeepers feel like they’re being stared at, like they don’t want you there, but they’re sharing it with you.”

Management often provides inadequate responses to workers’ complaints, according to Tidewater Labor Support Committee member Cherie Seise ’10. Roots works with the student-run committee to resolve workplace issues.

“From what I hear, and not just from Colette, is management comes at it with the expectation that staff don’t really understand the problem, or that there isn’t really an issue,” Seise said.

While the housekeeping break room is presently at the top of Roots’ list of concerns, there are other working conditions she says are similarly unsafe.

Roots points to the fact that housekeepers are generally only allowed access to their assigned building as an example of dangerous working conditions.

“If you come attack me and I can’t

make it to Swem, I can’t swipe into the other buildings,” Roots said. “They try to tell us that there might be theft or something, but they still would be able to tell who swiped into the buildings and who went in and out. We see them do anything besides safety issues.”

According to Powell, the current system is designed to protect workers in the early morning hours.

“The policy of issuing keys only for assigned work areas is in place because it provides a higher degree of safety for our workers during non-business hours than would multiple keys or open buildings,” Powell wrote.

Roots feels like several workers, including her, have been denied promotions for personal reasons rather than demonstrated ability.

“Hiring and promotion decisions are made on the knowledge, skills, abilities, and experience of the applicants,” he wrote.

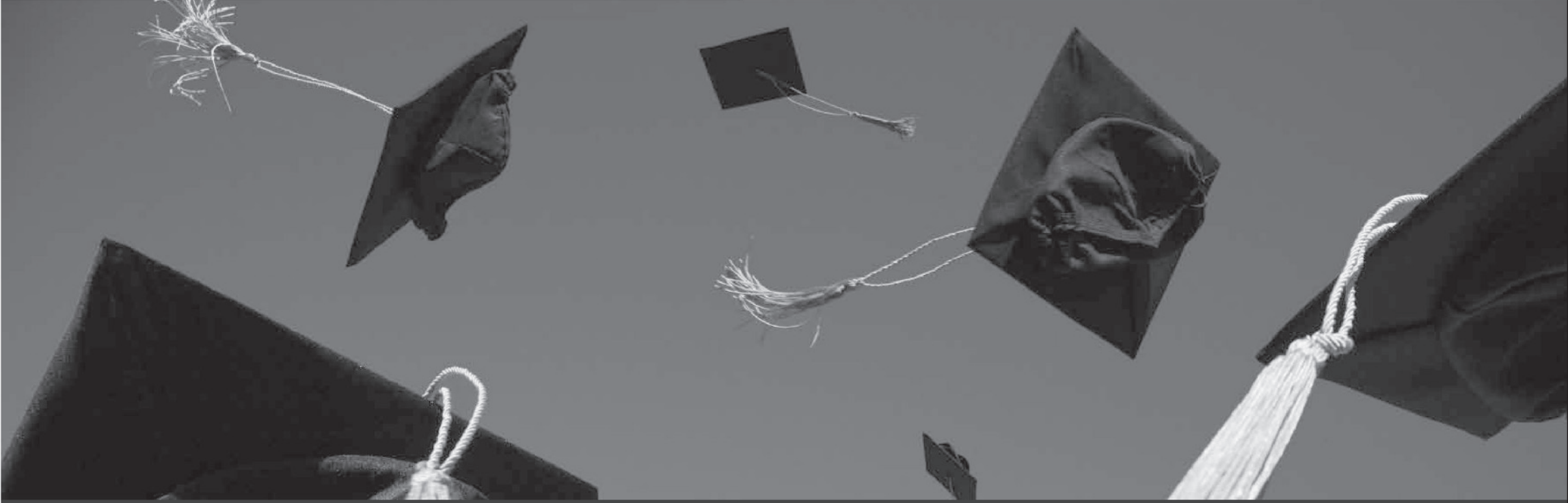
The snubs Roots said she has experienced lead her to believe the College’s housekeepers are being treated as less valuable than other groups on campus.

“My mother was a housekeeper,” Roots said. “Back in the day, she always told me to be outspoken and make sure my rights were being respected. Here, they do not respect us. They can say they do but they don’t.”



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Carreño/Douglass seek unity

SA finance reform is the top priority



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT
Horacio Carreño '10 (right) and Michael Douglass '11.

By IAN BRICKEY
Flat Hat Staff Writer

With no incumbents running in the March 26 Student Assembly elections, students at the College of William and Mary have a rare opportunity to bring new faces to the College's political stage. Horacio Carreño '10 and Michael Douglass '11 hope those new faces will be their own.

Carreño, a double-major in government and history at the College, was born in Mexico, and immigrated to the United States at the age of five. Douglass, of Richmond, Va., is a government major at the College.

Carreño and Douglass said their campaign began with a desire to unite the College community into "one tribe."

"Horacio has a vision of creating one community," Douglass said. "Right now, we have a lot of 'little tribes.' We want to bring it together, we want to unite the campus."

Carreño and Douglass laid out their plan for the College in a single document called the "Blueprint for Change." The plan articulates Carreño and Douglass' ideas on issues ranging from student volunteerism, SA transparency and reform of College policies on the environment and alcohol.

"We talked to over one hundred student leaders in our outreach effort," Carreño said. "We've talked to a lot of members of the Greek community and other organizations about housing and other issues to see what they think."

Carreño and Douglass said their main goal was an overhaul of the SA's finance code.

"The main problem is the spending limits," Carreño said. "Organizations can't spend that much on food, operational [expenses] and publicity is limited to \$20."

Carreño said the SA's finance rules are complicated and irregularly enforced.

"The SA is really hypocritical with the finance laws," Carreño said. "They spent \$150 on the 'What Can Your Student Assembly Do For You' event, and only three non-SA members showed up. We think

Main Points

- Bring new perspectives to Student Assembly
- Increase funding for successful campus organizations and events
- Restore trust in the SA
- Spend funds efficiently and with stricter oversight

the organizations that put on successful events should get priority."

Carreño and Douglass both said the SA's allocation of money is inefficient and can be improved.

"Instead of shelling out money anywhere, we will give it where it's needed most," Douglass said. Some have criticized Carreño for lack of SA experience, something Carreño sees as a strength.

"I feel like I'm qualified as an outsider," Carreño said. "A lot of people say you need a lot of institutional knowledge of the SA to succeed, but [Zach] Pilchen and [Valerie] Hopkins didn't have much experience and they did a good job," Carreño said.

Douglass said Carreño brings a new perspective to a student assembly some say is too insulated.

"Everybody in the SA lives in a bubble, and Horacio is outside of that bubble," Douglass said. "He'll tell you straight up what he thinks."

While Carreño lacks direct SA experience, Douglass brings nearly two years of student government knowledge to the ticket.

"As an SA member, you understand how people think," Douglass said. "The thing is, one of the vice president's jobs is to work with the senate, and I know the players."

Carreño and Douglass want to work with the SA to implement their agenda, but both have criticized the organization in the past. Carreño is disappointed with the SA and the way it funds organizations, saying that it could do a better job.

Douglass said SA members are preoccupied with appearances rather than fulfilling their responsibilities.

"The SA wants to look good, but it has to be good," Douglass said. "In some aspects, the SA has failed completely. We want to restore authenticity and trust in the SA."

Before they can effect the changes they want, Carreño and Douglass must win the election first. Both are optimistic about their chances.

Regardless of the outcome of the election, however, Carreño and Douglass are prepared to work with student leaders to bring about their vision of a united tribe.

Rojas/Ruzic bring experience

Candidates want safer campus, SA transparency



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT
Sarah Rojas '10 (right) and Ryan Ruzic J.D. '11.

By MEGAN KEELING
Flat Hat Staff Writer

For the first time in the long history of the College of William and Mary's Student Assembly elections, an undergraduate student and a graduate student are running together for SA president and vice-president.

Presidential candidate Sarah Rojas '10 and her running mate Ryan Ruzic J.D. '11 say this combination is one of their fundamental strengths.

"We want to bring together the passion of the undergrads with the experience of the grad [students]," Rojas said.

Rojas, a government and black studies double major, has served in the SA senate for three years and was chair of the Senate Public Affairs Committee.

She is also an active member of several other campus organizations including the NAACP and the Inter-Sorority Council.

Ruzic explained that Sarah's experience as a committee chair has allowed her to develop relationships with other student leaders, the administration, members of the Board of Visitors and officials in the Williamsburg community, which would facilitate their communication with groups outside of the SA.

"We didn't approach these groups for the first time before we ran ... there's already mutual trust," he said.

Ruzic brings executive experience to the ticket — he served two years as president of the student government at the University of Illinois where he earned his undergrad degree in political science and English literature.

He was involved in student government throughout his four years there, and he has served as a senator, representing the law school, at the College for one year.

Both Rojas and Ruzic say that their passion for the College community can be seen in

their involvement in activities outside of the SA.

"We've demonstrated this by being part of [other student] organizations long before running," Rojas said.

Rojas describes "revamping the Student Assembly's connection with students" as the main focus of their campaign.

They want to increase contact between the SA and other student organizations by sending ambassadors from the SA to student organization meetings. Because these groups receive their funding from the SA, she says it's important to maintain constant communication.

"We don't want to step on any toes," Rojas said, "but we want to be a resource [for these groups]."

They also plan on posting weekly YouTube videos updating students on what they are accomplishing.

"These videos are intended to keep ourselves responsible to the community," Ruzic said.

Both emphasized that they intend to collaborate with a variety of student organizations. Rojas described ways the SA could be more of a resource to the Greek community.

Through working with the Council for Fraternity Affairs and the ISC, Rojas and Ruzic believe the SA could improve as both a source of funding for events such as the annual ARC Carnival, as well as advocating on behalf of special-interest housing issues, which typically affect Greek-Life.

Their strategies for promoting a greener campus also rely on collaboration.

Rojas and Ruzic have met with members of SEAC to develop a plan for bringing a recycling program to graduate student housing and to finalize a campus-wide recycling contract, which Rojas said would save money for the school.

They also want to work with Dining Services to expand efforts in bringing local and organic food on campus.

One of their immediate projects will be collecting contact information for sexual assault response resources, such as the Sexual Assault Peer Advocates, printed on the back of all student IDs.

"Sexual assault awareness and prevention is a big passion of mine," Ruzic, who was a member of the University of Illinois' men's sexual assault education group, said.

To increase campus safety, Ruzic and Rojas plan to improve lighting on campus and post contact information for sexual assault response resources in local bars.

They will also propose ways to increase attendance at sexual assault education programs.

"We want to make sure every student at the College has attended an Every Two Minutes or One in Four presentation during orientation," Rojas said.

Rojas and Ruzic are looking to make changes off-campus as well, both in town-gown relations and with the rest of the state.

"This is a major year for student relations in Williamsburg," Rojas said.

They said that they intend to work with the City Council to reform the three-person rule and to increase student participation in city elections.

Working with legislators in Richmond is also a priority for the candidates, especially through increasing involvement in "Road to Richmond" and the College's Richmond internship program.

"We want to make William and Mary have a presence in Richmond," Rojas said.

Rojas and Ruzic stress that their combination of experience and passion for the College community will allow them to connect the SA to the students it represents.

"William and Mary needs a Student Assembly that's in touch with the students," Rojas explained. "[We] know what the issues really are."

EDITOR'S NOTE

Devin Sanchez Curry '11 and David Loss '11 were not included in The Flat Hat's coverage of the SA Presidential Election, as they failed to turn in their campaign finance forms thus disqualifying themselves from the election. They also characterized their campaign as a joke.

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2008-2009 SA Senate Report Card

By MAGGIE REEB
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

Of the 20 bills passed by the Student Assembly senate between October 21, 2008 and March 3, 2009, 15 have been fully implemented. The remaining five are all in some stage of the legislative process.

Among the bills passed is the Flu Vaccine Funding Act, sponsored by Sen. Mullis '09.

The bill allocated \$2,500 to provide flu vaccines for College of William and Mary students. A total of 303 people received vaccines, the first 100 of whom were not charged and the following 40 were recipients of a \$10 discount.

BILL SPONSORSHIP

Senator and class	Bills currently in committee	Bills failed	Total Bills passed	Total non-IA bills sponsored	% Bills passed
Ben Battaglia '11‡	0	0	0	0	0
Matt Beato '09	1	0	2	3	66.67
Benjamin Brown '11	3	0	7	10	70
Michael Douglass '11	0	1	3	4	75
Ryan Eickel '10	0	0	1	1	100
Brittany Fallon '11	5	0	4	9	44.44
Stef Felitto '12	1	0	1	2	50
Thomas Flaherty '12	0	0	0	0	0
Ross Gillingham '10	0	0	6	6	100
Betty Jeanne Manning '12	2	0	2	4	50
Walter McClean '09*	4	1	6	11	54.55
Caroline Mullis '09**	1	1	1	3	33.33
Steven Nelson '10	2	1	4	7	57.14
Jill Olszewski '12‡‡	0	0	0	0	0
Sarah Rojas '10	0	0	4	4	100
Mike Tsidulko '11	0	0	0	0	0

METHODOLOGY

This list is not meant to be comprehensive. It does not make subjective qualitative distinctions between bills. The midterm report card covers all bills introduced or passed during the period between October 21, 2008, and March 3, 2009.

TOTAL BILLS PASSED: The number of non-internal affairs bills passed.

BILLS FAILED: The number of bills that either failed in a senate vote or were vetoed and failed in the override vote.

BILLS CURRENTLY IN COMMITTEE: The number of bills currently in committee.

TOTAL NON-IA BILLS SPONSORED: The aggregate number of bills passed, bills failed and bills in committee.

PERCENT BILLS PASSED: The percentage of non-internal affairs bills passed by each senator. This category does include bills in committee, some of which were introduced at the March 3 senate meeting.

ATTENDANCE: Senators are also ranked by the percentage of meetings attended. Senators must have been in attendance for at least half of the votes during the meeting to be marked present.

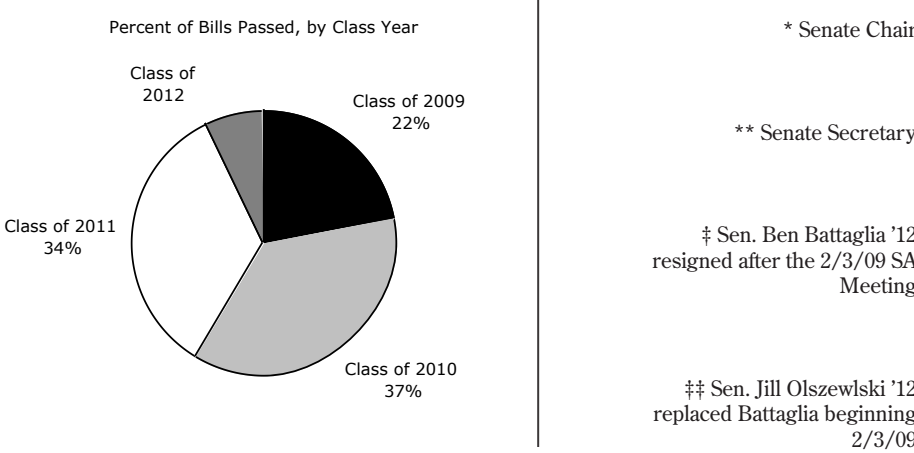
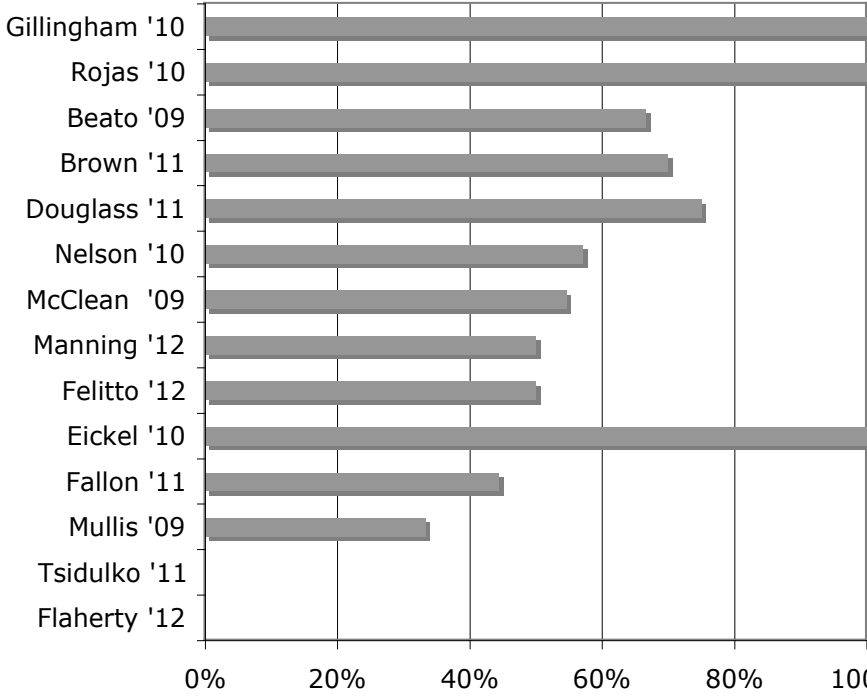
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The Flat Hat's senate report card formerly offered rankings of the senators. Senators are now listed in alphabetical order.

SENATE ATTENDANCE

Senator and class	Percentage	Record
Ben Battaglia '12	100	5/5 ‡
Matt Beato '09	100	10/10
Benjamin Brown '11	90	9/10
Michael Douglass '11	100	10/10
Ryan Eickel '10	100	10/10
Brittany Fallon '11	100	10/10
Stef Felitto '12	100	10/10
Thomas Flaherty '12	100	10/10
Ross Gillingham '10	100	10/10
Walter McClean '09*	100	10/10
Caroline Mullis '09**	90	9/10
Steven Nelson '10	100	10/10
Jill Olszewski '12	100	5/5‡‡
Sarah Rojas '10	100	10/10
Mike Tsidulko '11	70	7/10

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Vote Rojas for SA President

This Thursday’s Student Assembly elections mark the end of a whirlwind year for student government at the College of William and Mary. After sitting down with both serious presidential tickets this weekend to talk (a third candidate ran as a joke), we believe Sarah Rojas ’10, and Ryan Ruzic J.D. ’11 to be the best pair of candidates to lead and reform the SA over the coming year.

Rojas’s experience and the lack thereof of her challenger, Horacio Carreño ’10, factored into our decision above all else. Over her three years with the SA, Rojas has been an effective senator whose efforts have born fruit in areas that matter, from her bill that rehabilitated Steer Clear to her efforts in the voter registration drive last spring. Rojas also has been extensively involved on campus outside the SA, something she must cut back on if elected. The SA deserves a president’s full attention.

Her running mate, who served for two years as the student body president at the University of Illinois — a school of over 40,000 students — has the most executive experience of any candidate in this race. For us, this is enough to offset that he only passed one bill as an SA senator representing the law school. While this effort admittedly underwhelms, it is well above average for graduate school senators.

Although an enthusiastic and thoughtful presidential candidate, Carreño lacks the breadth of knowledge of SA proceedings needed to make him an effective reformer in the SA. Carreño’s extra-curricular activities have not provided him with executive experience and are unrelated to student politics. Ultimately, he failed to demonstrate the credentials necessary to run a large organization. In our interview, he frequently turned to his running mate for guidance, leaving us wondering why Michael Douglass ’11 occupies the second spot on the ticket.

ONLINE
The Flat Hat received several letters to the editor endorsing candidates. Read them at [flathatnews.com](#)

Douglass, an SA lifer, certainly brings the experience to lead. With him, our reservations lie in how he has spent his time in the SA. We remain nonplussed over his fight to donate ten thousand of our dollars to Sentara Hospital for their construction of a green roof. It was a project that would pay few tangible dividends to students. Douglass also cast the sole abstaining vote on the Steer Clear bill, which was sponsored by Rojas. While his willingness to stand alone is commendable, too often we found Douglass simply out of touch with the student body.

Both platforms have pros and cons. While Carreño’s “Blueprint for Change” is extensively researched and highly creative, it is a grapeshot effort that lacks focus and causes us to wonder how many of its proposals could be realized, given the SA’s limited resources. Rojas’s platform, on the other hand, appears thrown together at the last minute. She attributed the disorganization to her original running mate’s 11th-hour drop from the race, but the bulk of Rojas’s campaign planning should have been done weeks ago. Nevertheless, Rojas has shown herself to be an organized and effective leader time and again, so we were willing to note this reservation and move on.

Rojas has a more concrete plan for negotiating with the City Council about problematic city ordinances, and in her ongoing meetings with the mayor she has demonstrated a willingness to go to bat for students. Still, we worry the middle ground she has proposed as a solution to the three-person problem is actually right-of-center: Rojas should fight for a better compromise with the city than the one-person-per-bedroom arrangement she put forth during our interview. On the other hand, Carreño emphasizes starting dialogue between students and their resident neighbors on problems faced here in Williamsburg. But it is unclear how these feel-good conversations will result in anything tangible — much less real political concessions to students.

Both tickets are strong on sexual assault prevention. Rojas put forward a slightly more grounded approach to freshmen orientation programming, relying on already-established programs rather than trying to create new ones.

Communication has been quite the buzzword during this campaign. Encouragingly, increasing communication between the SA and students has been a major priority for Rojas over the years — not just a campaign promise recently pulled out of the air. Since many of the ideas on the “Blueprint for Change” could have been advocated by Douglass as senator, we wonder why he failed to do so.

For the first time in recent memory, both tickets promise major projects of a kind generally considered outside the scope of the SA. While a multicultural center and another Jamestown dorm intrigue us, we remain skeptical the SA’s ability to make headway on either in the current economic climate. Both appear lofty, unachievable campaign promises. We hope the campaigns will focus resources on more attainable — and pressing — matters.

Ultimately, it is no cliché to say that both these tickets reveal strengths and weaknesses. But after a thorough review of the platforms, we believe students will be best served by voting for Rojas and Ruzic.

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By VICKY CHAO, FLAT HAT CARTOONIST

Candidates have their heads in the clouds

Caroline Mullis

FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



As a Student Assembly senator, I have discovered that the SA lacks the power to effect any substantial change on this campus. Being elected to the senate or the executive provides an individual with limited access to some money as well as legitimacy in discussion with administrators, but at the end of the day the administrators run the College of William and Mary. As a result, I have found that my job in the SA mostly involves calling people out on creating unnecessary bills, pretending we are the real government, and generally wasting my time. Both presidential tickets are clearly guilty of these things, and I am writing this article to do exactly that — call them out. I would like to call out the SA candidates for thinking they have more power to change things than they really do.

Carreño’s platform contains too many unfeasible ideas, while Rojas’s lacks specifics and action plans.

I’ll begin alphabetically with Horacio Carreño ’10 and Michael Douglass’s ’11 platform. Since Carreño is an SA outsider, it makes sense that he does not realize that his role as SA president would come with limited power. Specifically, he and Douglass propose alcohol policy reform, though I have yet to hear any new approaches from the campaign. If elected, they would have no power to authorize anything in their platform that requires spending more than \$750, such as free flu shots or free HIV/STI testing. The executive faces a maximum spending cap of \$750 a month and no access to the consolidated reserve. Understandly, an SA outsider lacks this knowledge, but with Douglass on the ticket there is really no excuse. Many of the initiatives are pre-existing ideas, such as flu shots, an interfaith prayer room, changing the SA website, and extending amnesty to drugs. The campaign does not give credit to the people who came up with these ideas and have been working on them for a while.

The platform of Sarah Rojas ’10 and Ryan Ruzic J.D. ’11 contrasts greatly with their opponents’. Their platform

focuses on nine broad issues they find important and only occasionally mentions specific ideas. Most of their platform also consists of pre-existing initiatives, but Rojas did work on many of them — such as town-gown relations and campus gardens — in the senate. This ticket tries to define the role of the SA as a support for existing organizations, but I question the effectiveness of this approach, since it only really appears to be discussed in the context of a few initiatives such as sexual assault prevention and their green platform.

When discussing the campus garden, Rojas and Ruzick specifically stated that they “support the development of this initiative.” This is, in some ways, the SA taking credit for things that would happen anyway, such as the continued operation of Steer Clear. Their initiatives, however, ignore the existing organizations working toward this goal, such as the Student Chamber of Commerce and the Student Conduct Council. It is unclear as to how they will decide when they want the SA to take on an initiative and when they want to support existing organizations. Many of their ideas lack specific action plans — they just state the ultimate outcome. It is problematic that they suggest things they want to accomplish without addressing how they would accomplish them.

Carreño and Douglass’s platform contains too many unfeasible ideas, while Rojas and Ruzic’s platform lacks specifics and action plans. When asked to defend their platforms at the debate, neither ticket could directly answer the question. Rojas explained that they formed the ticket late; Carreño said they believe they are putting forward ideas they can accomplish. Running late is not a fair excuse and Carreño and Douglass must realize there is no way they can accomplish everything they are setting out to do.

In the end, none of this really matters because whichever ticket is elected will spend its time attempting to make real change on this campus, but will ultimately fail because their goals fall well outside the authority of the SA executive. So to both tickets, have fun with your \$750 a month and BOV position.

Caroline Mullis is a senior at the College.

SA president must fight administration, apathy and the elderly

Alexander Ely

FLAT HAT CHIEF STAFF WRITER



On Thursday, students will vote in the annual Student Assembly election. This means three things. First, some jerk-off will probably get a hold of the entire student listserv and send out an e-mail encouraging people to vote for, or against, certain candidates. Second, the Student Information Network — the archaic and useless voting program first implemented in the Adams-Jefferson presidential election of 1796 — will probably crash or be tampered with by various people, leading to cries from the aforementioned yellow-bellies for everyone involved to be referred to the honor council or thrown out of school. Third, the student body will know who has the second-least-desirable job on campus — after cleaning the bathrooms of Tucker Hall.

The SA president’s job is particularly tough for a number of reasons. The president has to deal with a student body that, having only four years here and so many other concerns to deal with, is often apathetic about the workings of the student government. They see few material results from the SA and are skeptical of the ability of government majors in suits to actually address their concerns on campus. Those who do pay attention see that the SA is sitting on a consolidated reserve of nearly \$174,000, yet senators are still denying student groups funding.

The perception of the SA as ineffective is sometimes a reflection of the actions of the College of William and Mary’s administration rather than the SA itself. The deck is stacked against student representatives, and on the bigger issues that confront them — student life on campus, the alcohol policy, the three-person rule or the lack of transparency shown by the Board of Visitors — the powers just won’t budge.

The ability of the president or the senate to accomplish anything is made even more difficult by the constant sideshows and acts of individual stupidity that seem to be committed on a regular basis (see: embezzling money to buy cigarettes, breaking into someone else’s e-mail account in order

The deck is stacked against the SA, and on the bigger issues — student life on campus, alcohol policy, and the three-person rule — the powers just won’t budge.

to leak information to the newspaper, threatening impeachment and lawsuits, etc.). I wonder how much more current SA President Valerie Hopkins ’09 could have accomplished in her term if she didn’t have to deal with the fallout from the Pilchen fiasco and the loss of a leader who had done more than anyone in recent memory to help students.

But the bigger issue, and the one that makes being SA president such a tough job, is the enormity of the challenges currently facing the student body. The next president will inherit the problem of the three-person housing rule, unless some miraculous change occurs during the next several weeks. This will be difficult for two reasons. First, without a student on the Williamsburg City Council, how do you get a city population that is literally stuck in the 18th century to realize that what they are doing is so inherently wrong?

Second, the city’s hand is now strengthened by the departure of several fraternities from the units, many of whom have found alternate homes off campus. As a result of the administration’s anti-Greek policies, an increase in off-campus partying next year is virtually guaranteed. If certain members of the city council think that there are drunks off campus right now, they have no idea what they’re in for come next fall.

The main goal of the next administration should be to continue the fight against the three-person rule, regardless of any roadblocks. Another huge issue is student life on campus, which is virtually nonexistent at the moment. They might try to work to make the alcohol policy emphasize student safety rather than administration liability, but this change is unlikely under the current College leadership. They should also strive to increase transparency within the SA. It is difficult to get students involved in the process, but knowing where student activity fees are being spent would be a good start.

The biggest challenge, however, is likely to be the same for the new administration as it has been for its predecessors: getting the student body to pay attention. This will require experience, ambition and enthusiasm, and students should keep this in mind when voting on Thursday. That is, if SIN doesn’t crash.

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VARIETY

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Battle of the Sexes: ‘The Vagina Monologues’

Two distinct viewpoints on last week’s show

Male Perspective

By ANSEL ASHBY
The Flat Hat

Of course I had expectations going into “The Vagina Monologues.” Who doesn’t? Feminine power, I have a vagina and I’m proud of it, all that sort of thing. To an extent, I was right. There was a lot of “I am woman, I have a vagina, and it is beautiful” rhetoric throughout the course of the play, but I was surprised at how politicized the play actually is.

I won’t go into the details of every specific monologue, but one that stuck out to me, “My Vagina was My Village,” shared the experience of a woman who was raped repeatedly as an act of wartime violence. Another, “Say It,” told the story of the “comfort women” from World War II — women who were forced into sex slavery by the Japanese government. Now between 70 and 90 years old, they are still waiting for some kind of acknowledgment from the offenders.

The play began humorously and made an effort to keep a light tone throughout. I laughed, genuinely and out loud, at several points during the play. I doubt I will ever have an opportunity to scream “cunt” at the top of my lungs in front of 200 people again, at least not without some kind of repercussions. But soon enough the play took on a more serious tone, leading into the monologues I described earlier, and others that tackled serious issues such as domestic abuse, female genital mutilation and the ugly, and in some cases bright, side of sex work. I can say with honesty, and a small amount of embarrassment, that one of the monologues had me tearing up.

On the whole, I liked the show, but I do have a few complaints. I won’t pass judgment on the idea of empowerment. If you get something out of it, good for you, but the message didn’t affect me either way. However, one of the monologues, a scene that was centered on birth, was entirely unnecessary. Yes, giving birth to and raising a child are very important aspects

of womanhood; however, I personally, (and I think a lot of people will agree), didn’t want to hear a graphic description of the bloody, flowing, life-giving river. You can talk about raising a child, even about the pain of giving birth, but spare me the nitty-gritty details. It didn’t add anything to the recurring themes in the play — it just made me squirm in my seat.

As much as the play tries to be funny and empowering, I think its ultimate purpose is to educate, at which it succeeds. Although I personally knew about a lot of the issues the play discusses, a lot of people didn’t. It’s important to get the word out about these issues and to that effect the play does well. Is it a great piece of theater? No, not really. But it entertains and serves a purpose — “The Vagina Monologues” was an effective and enjoyable experience.

By CASSIE ADAIR
The Flat Hat

As I watched “The Vagina Monologues” last week, I found myself confused as to whether I was watching a performance piece or a feminist manifesto.

That being said, the believability of the play’s entrenched ideologies depended on the strength of its theatrics — and for all the heavy-handedness, the College of William and Mary’s production proved effective in both message and artistry.

The audience consisted mostly of women, which inevitably meant that the show was preaching

to the choir. An attempt to reference this demographic turned out to be the most disheartening moment of the show. For me and the straight, taken guy next to me, it was almost a deal-breaker.

As part of the introduction to the show, emcee Lauren Vick ’12 asked the audience, “How many of you guys are here because your girlfriends made you [come]?”

‘The Vagina Monologues’

Sponsored by Vox: Voices for Planned Parenthood and directed by Casey Sears ’11, the show premiered last weekend in the Sadler Center.

The show, a modern series of monologues discussing female issues, was performed to raise money to aid women around the world who have undergone genital cutting.

Female Perspective

She then went on to tell males in attendance they would have a better chance of getting laid after the show by their soon-to-be vagina-empowered girlfriends. Being a performance on a college campus in the year 2009, it was sad to see this easy nod to gender stereotypes. The idea that men will do anything for sex, and that women will drag their boyfriends to typically female events and reward them with sex later, was disappointingly heteronormative for VOX: Voices for Planned Parenthood.

Despite this initial disappointment, I felt myself being drawn into the show through the abilities of the monologists. From women who were able to convincingly adopt the accents of a New Orleans food-server or Bosnian villager, to those who could moan orgasmically on command on-stage, the cast made intimate what otherwise would feel foreign. In the most controversial piece — in which a positive lesbian sexual experience seems to save an underage girl from past sexual trauma — the actress conveyed a story that felt neither political nor problematic, but deeply personal and even touching.

New monologues are added to the show on an annual basis. The newest involved the plight of women in historical wars. “Say It,” a monologue about the Japanese government’s practice during World War II of sexually enslaving women, explores the issues of power and patriarchy in terms of extreme human rights abuse. These monologues took a non-controversial but crucial stand against violent practices against women worldwide. Monologues that American college audiences could most easily relate to, such as “My Angry Vagina” and “Reclaiming Cunt,” had the crowd laughing — they supported a positive feminist attitude within the audience members, while the more subtle oppressions of commercialism and representationism.

As someone still developing her opinions on feminism, both as an ideology and as a practice, I had come to the show cautiously. I left concerned about the issues raised, if not wholly converted in my stance concerning them. VOX fulfilled its mission to educate, enlighten and, of course, entertain.



Delayed Underground to open within year

By CLAIRE ELLERY
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Williamsburg’s nightlife — or lack thereof — is overdue for a renovation. Thankfully, within the next year the Green Leafe Cafe will introduce the Underground, a venue featuring live music, a dance floor and a bar.

“We want to keep it in the Green Leafe family, but make it something new and exciting and a place where you can get dressed up — more of a date place,” Lindsey Gormley ’01, the Leafe’s proprietor, said. “The Underground will be a place to be more grown up.”

As far as decor goes, Gormley said to think “retro, cosmopolitan, New York and D.C. styles.” For entertainment for the Underground, Gormley wants to feature local talent.

“We want regional bands. Long ago my husband [Leafe Owner Glenn Gormley ’84] was approached by Dave Matthews to play here,” she said.

Though management continues working with an architect, the spacious venue will offer a dance floor, a stage for live music and a dining area capable of



MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM — THE FLAT HAT
The Green Leafe Underground has had issues transforming its space to accommodate the new venue. The doors are set to open early next year.

seating over 60 guests.

For now, the space still needs renovation. Walls need knocking down, pillars need modifying and ceilings need heightening.

“We planned to open by the 2009 Homecoming, but there’s too much work,” Gormley said.

City codes require that a sprinkler system be installed, and the bathrooms need to be redone. Looming work demands coupled with the slow economy have postponed the proposed opening date to spring of 2010. Plans for the venue have been underway since last spring.

“Before the New Town location, we had talked to the landlord because we were interested in expanding ... in March of 2008 the bike shop owner moved and asked the Green Leafe if we wanted to take over the lease,” Gormley said.

Since then, the Gormleys have been collaborating with Williamsburg city officials, College of William and Mary President Taylor Reveley and students — all of whom, she said, have been supportive.

“It’s very energizing to get [positive] reception from the school,” she said. “It’s cool that [Reveley] gets that the students need something.”

Samantha Greenwood ’09, one of eight students who worked on the Underground’s marketing campaign as part of a group project for a class, met with the Gormleys at least once a week to discuss topics from decor to drink specials. “They wanted to know what students thought of current nightlife and what there is a need for,” she said.

The marketing group interviewed other students and handed out surveys. “Students want a nicer, upscale, metropolitan place,” Greenwood said. “It’s not a club, it’s more of a bar with a dance floor.” She explained that the Gormleys didn’t want a club because it would be out of place in Williamsburg plus there are city regulations.

According to the surveys, most students are in favor of having an upscale scene with dancing. Students were split across the Underground’s suggestion of an underage night. “There were mixed reviews on there being no alcohol. Students [of age] said they’d probably drink before going,” Greenwood said. According to Gormley, the Leafe is currently planning to attract the under-21 demographic on some nights.

“[It] will cut into revenue, so we have to figure out a way to compensate,” she said.

Gormley said the Underground will target students and cater to the College’s needs.

“It’s definitely student driven,” Gormley said, “but it will also bring in locals. It’ll be cool because you’ll get to meet different people.”

As an alumna, Gormley said she identifies with students. “Lots of locals didn’t go here, and there’s a friction between the town and school. We want to bridge the gap between students, the school and locals.”

The focus on students raises issues over vacation months.

“Since it’s more relevant to students, the Gormleys were concerned with how to sustain it during the summer,” Greenwood said.

Consequently, marketing also worked on making the spot appealing to older crowds.

“We were thinking of having themed dance nights — salsa, tango,” Greenwood said. “They could bring in an instructor, make it kind of a dance class.” Students also suggested hosting fundraisers for local organizations to appeal to the Williamsburg community.

Despite what summer specialties are planned, Greenwood still sees it as a younger place. “In total, I think that it’s more geared towards students,” she said.

Greenwood expects the Underground to enliven the dating scene. “It could possibly provide a venue for dating, there aren’t many places with reasonable prices that are upscale,” she said.

Gormley agreed, “It will be more of a date place,” she said. “Guys can be afraid to bring dates to the Green Leafe because they’ll see their friends, and it’s really casual.”

The future location of the Underground is well-acquainted with the dating scene. “Back in the 70s, [the space] used to be the Rainbow Room,” Gormley said. After closing in 1978, the site became a bowling alley, whose wooden lanes now make up the Leafe’s tables. The room extends from halfway under the Leafe to halfway under Paul’s Deli, and will hold approximately 170 people total, including 60 spaces for seating and the rest as standing and dancing room.

Despite the delays, Greenwood said she is confident with the venture.

“I ultimately think that no matter what it is students will go to check it out, just because it’s something new,” she said.

CONFUSION CORNER

Founders’ standards
too easy to break

Brad Clark
FLAT HAT CONFUSION
CORNER COLUMNIST



Today I stood in front of Benjamin Franklin at Wawa. That great American mind — who penned such soul-crushingly insipid aphorisms as “early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise” and “a penny saved is a penny earned,” putting even Hallmark to shame in the cutesy-phrase-masquerading-as-wisdom department — was buying a pack of Marlboro Reds and a tube of Yoplait Go-Gurt. Aside from the obvious uniqueness of the situation — one that only occurs at other colleges following the consumption of weapons-grade narcotics — I was struck by the tremendous contrast that seemed to exist between my conception of Ben Franklin and the man who stood before me. The uber-patriot, self-made man who invented, diplomatted and rebelled faltered in the face of the admittedly false reality.

All of this got me thinking about the College of William and Mary as a whole. In general, we like to project an image of ceaseless, positive energy. Go to the College’s website, and it figuratively explodes with images of happy, ethnically-diverse students, blogs touting the merits of public service and provocative teasers for upcoming guest lectures. I’m not challenging the fact that these are all threads of the larger College experience. But looking back over the last year of news, a sketchier trend emerges: embezzlement, questionable tinkering with the honor code and low participation in student government. The Flat Hat can put together a robust Campus Police Beat from week to week based on theft alone. It’s enough to, in my weaker moments, make me question the existence of a vibrant and unified community at our esteemed College.

I don’t mean to suggest that spaces don’t exist in which great moments of beauty, friendship or unity can occur. They most certainly do (and these spaces are usually called the delis). But how do you reconcile other aspects of our time here? How do you trust people, even the most outwardly civic-minded

CAPSULE REVIEWS

HANDSOME FURS FACE CONTROL

Once again Dan Boeckner takes a break from Wolf Parade to grab his wife, Alexei Perry, for a stroll down side-project lane with the Handsome Furs. In 2007's "Plague Park," this husband-wife duo cashed in on Perry's prodigious talents as a short story writer to craft songs of lyrical genius while still retaining the virility of Boeckner's guitar. Unfortunately, where "Plague Park" pulsed with a steady, human heartbeat, the cold, metallic sounds of their sophomore effort, "Face Control" feel more like a pacemaker.

Compared to the frantic beats of Wolf Parade's albums, listening to "Face Control" borders on monotonous. Swapping traditional instruments for synthesizers, the album noticeably lacks the intriguing improvisation of both Wolf Parade and previous Handsome Furs releases. Rather

than raising the bar, with "Face Control" The Handsome Furs seem content to simply maintain the status quo. When compared to "Plague Park," the unintentional tedium of this latest release is all the more grating.

Lyrically, "Face Control" is decent. Of course, there's nothing really new. The Handsome Furs return to the same ocean and urban images to the point where they feel more mandatory than metaphorical. Boeckner takes redundancy to new heights with "I'm Confused" in which more than a third of the song consists of only those two words — a case of lyrical laziness which frankly offends my English major sensibilities.

With "Face Control" the Handsome Furs deliver a veritable showcase of unrealized possibilities. Overbearing guitar and jangling electronics make most tracks either overly portentous or over-produced. The traces of brilliance still remain buried underneath the haze of unnecessary bells and whistles, but the needless additions make "Face Control" only a good version of a potentially great album. In the end, The Handsome Furs' latest release is something of a mixed blessing. It has moments of intrigue, but only the most ardent fans can justify the purchase. By the time the final track plays, you're left wishing you'd just listened to Wolf Parade in the first place.

— By Virginia Butler
★★★★☆



BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Experimenting: I kissed a girl and I liked it

Maya Horowitz

FLAT HAT
SEX COLUMNIST



It is often said that college is a time for experimenting. Certainly entrepreneurs like Joe Francis, of "Girls Gone Wild" fame, feed off of this mentality. Sexual experimentation and college go hand-in-hand in many people's minds.

But what is experimenting? The term is very broad and is often accompanied by negative connotations of sexual perversion. The most basic definition of experimentation is expanding your sexual boundaries and trying something new.

Experimentation is relative to your sexual experience. The first time you kiss someone, you're experimenting. In college, the idea of sexual experimentation often suggests engaging in sex acts with someone of the same sex — at least in theory.

College is not the only time we experiment. From the time we recognize our own sexuality, we yearn to discover it. If you're lucky, you have the balls to fiddle with yourself until something clicks. Most people, though, are prodded on by friends. As a rule, people in groups tend to be more daring than individuals.

During middle school, your peer group tends to consist of people of the same sex. You're maybe not so comfortable yet with the other gender. But that doesn't stop you from being curious. The simple solution is to try out new things on your friends.

I remember comparing breast size to my classmates in sixth grade. (If you're wondering, I lost, miserably.) We touched each other's growing breasts and giggled. We discussed our newly

sprouted hairs on various parts of our bodies. And we kissed each other on the mouth.

It's a little embarrassing to talk about same-sex experiences. We might brush them off as silly childhood errors, but they are neither errors nor are they silly. They are valuable parts of our growth as sexual beings.

As we grow, we continue to have these experiences. But in college, they tend to be taken more seriously. Now we are fully grown sex machines, with perhaps a fair amount of sexual experience under our belts. Our same-sex encounters will probably include more than just admiring each other's pubes.

Again, it is often a question of comfort. Maybe you're embarrassed to be intimate with someone you don't really know, so you turn to your same-sex friends. After all, what are friends for?

Don't be embarrassed watching porn and fooling around a little with your roommate. More people do it than you think — just no one talks about it. If you're a dude and you've licked another dude's maypole, it's okay. Don't panic.

Engaging in homosexual acts does not make you gay. Even enjoying them does not make you gay. Sexuality cannot be defined in black and white terms. Just because you did something once - or a handful of times - does not mean you have to do it for the rest of your life, unless, of course, you want to.

And there's nothing wrong with exploring your sexuality, as long as you're being safe. Maybe, as a girl, you have to kiss another girl just to be sure it's not something you're into. Maybe you play with someone else's vagina so that you can understand more about your own. A valuable experience is just that, no

matter what form it takes. And now for the mandatory sexually transmitted infection warning: Just because it's experimentation does not mean it can't have consequences. Stay safe — use condoms, dental dams and caution. It's a scary world out there, regardless of which kind of genitalia you find yourself fondling. In the end, experimentation is important but very personal. You don't have to share your encounters with anyone if you don't want to. But don't let shame lead you to bottle them up inside. Sexual repression can drive you crazy if you let it. And there's nothing to be embarrassed about. Now, whether you want to be so open as to let Joe Francis document your sexual journey is another story.

Maya Horowitz is the Flat Hat sex columnist. She is a girl gone wild ... at least for Williamsburg's standards.



OLIVIA WALCH — THE FLAT HAT


Students fail to uphold community standards

STANDARD from page 7

students, in their intentions? The Honor Council is such a strongly empowered set of people, and yet I have no clue as to their actual motives. I, like the vast majority of students, have not had the privilege to appear in front of that shadowy body of students. In my mind, they inhabit some kind of subterranean chamber, in which stainless steel furniture stands amongst dripping stalactites, and the chairperson — requisite hairless cat in tow — gleefully jettisons guilty parties into fiery pits of, well, flame. You hope that each member of the Honor Council is personally dedicated justice and honesty, but how many people are sitting at that table, in that murky lair, consciously building a resume on a foundation of crushed futures and ruined reputations? How many are taking their cues from "Austin Powers" movies? Which

raises the question, why don't we introduce a jury system? Or how do you explain the gradually diminishing number of candidates in Student Assembly elections between freshman and senior year? Sure, people find their own niches and lose the time to get politically involved. But does that mean that we should bequeath all future decisions to a small group of people who only seem to grow more insular with each passing year? I concede that there is an element of ridiculous to this whole experiment. In many ways, the College is just practice for a larger, somehow more real version of society. Still, I would argue that all of it matters just the same. The caring switch cannot be easily flipped on and off, and four years of inactivity here will most likely spawn a depressing string of inactive years in the future. Paradoxically, I can't tell if most of the time the

problem lies with people taking themselves too seriously, or not seriously enough. Probably it's a combination of the two. This is not to say that the College is not a fantastic place, or that it doesn't possess the mix of opportunity and vitality enshrined on its website. However, the way forward rarely stems from passivity. I know that most of the people on the Honor Council are genuine in their dedication to our community's standards, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't engage ourselves regarding our shared values. Old solutions are not best simply because they are old — especially if they lead you to Wawa, in spectacles and pantaloons, hoping to reduce your nicotine-induced high blood pressure with a squeezable stick of yogurt. Brad Clark is a Confusion Corner columnist. He prefers his Go-Gurt frozen.



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Sound bytes

"It's funny, there's really only one happy team at the end of the NCAA tournament."
— Washington forward Jon Brockman, following his team's 76-74 last-second loss to Purdue in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.



By the numbers

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Straight Sweet 16 appearances by the University of Tennessee women's basketball program before the team lost in the first round Sunday.

Golden leads Tribe in victory over visiting Spiders



JOHN QUINN — THE FLAT HAT
Sophomore goalkeeper Emily Geary left the game with 23 minutes left in the second half due to injury.

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behind Spider goalkeeper Erica Marrocco at 17:49, stretching the Tribe's lead to 12-8. Less than a minute later, junior attacker Mary Zulty scored 1 of her 3 goals off a free position shot, pushing the lead up back to five.

The College never looked back, and allowed themselves to show some of their depth on the bench. Backup freshman attacker Sally Roberts tallied the second goal of her career with 8:35 remaining in the opening half, triggering 6 unanswered goals in a seven-minute span.

Golden finished with 4 goals and 2 assists. Senior midfielder Claire Dennis added 3 to the Tribe's scoring and assisted on 1 tally.

Senior midfielder Mandy Friend led the Spiders with 3 goals while Marrocco recorded 11 saves.

The College forced 19 Richmond turnovers, to its own 13 and outshot the Spiders 35-20. The Tribe also owned the advantage in the ground balls category with a 25-17 edge.

The College returns to action when it hosts no. 17 Penn State University Saturday. The contest is slated for Albert-Daly Field at 1 p.m.

"We hope we can learn something from this game. Penn State is just like us, so we will be looking for an improvement in play," Halfpenny said.

The Nittany Lions enter the contest on a four-game losing streak, all to teams ranked in the nation's top 11. Penn State opened the season 4-0 before struggling of late. The only common opponent between the two squads is the University of Virginia. Both teams have recorded overtime losses to the Cavaliers.

Dominance of top seeds diminishes quality of the tourney

NCAA from page 10

They couldn't do it. Neither could most of the underdogs.

Watching East Tennessee State, Siena, Oklahoma State and LSU blow chances to upset no. 1 seeds drove me crazy. Eastern Tennessee State shot 50 percent from the foul line against Pittsburgh. Come on, Buccaneers. You're in the NCAA Tournament, attempting to become the first-ever 16-seed to beat a 1-seed, and you shoot 50 percent from the free throw line? Ouch.

It hurts when underdogs like ETSU, VCU, North Dakota State and Akron lose close games.

Watching basketball, for me, is basically stress relief. I yell at the TV, pace the room and get way too into it. So when Western Kentucky let Gonzaga freshman Demetri Goodson drive the length of the floor for a game-winning layup, you bet I was mad. And I don't want to talk about ETSU blowing a chance to tie Pittsburgh at 59-59, or Oklahoma State going ice-cold when it counted in the second round against the Panthers.

Teams like Western Kentucky, ETSU and Oklahoma State can't afford to make mistakes against superior opponents. Most of their mistakes — an ill-advised pass or a forced shot — were expected, given their competition. But at the same time, those mistakes were frustrating, especially for people who want upsets.

Thankfully, nine-seed Siena beat eight-seed Ohio State in double-overtime, 13th-seed Cleveland State dominated four-seed Wake Forest and 12th-seeded Western Kentucky held off five-seed Illinois. That's the NCAA Tournament at its best. When the little guys — like the Richmonds, Valparaisos and Princetons of years past — shake things up and ruin brackets.

That's what I love about the tournament, watching the little guys beat up on the big guys. The David versus Goliath storylines — I love them.

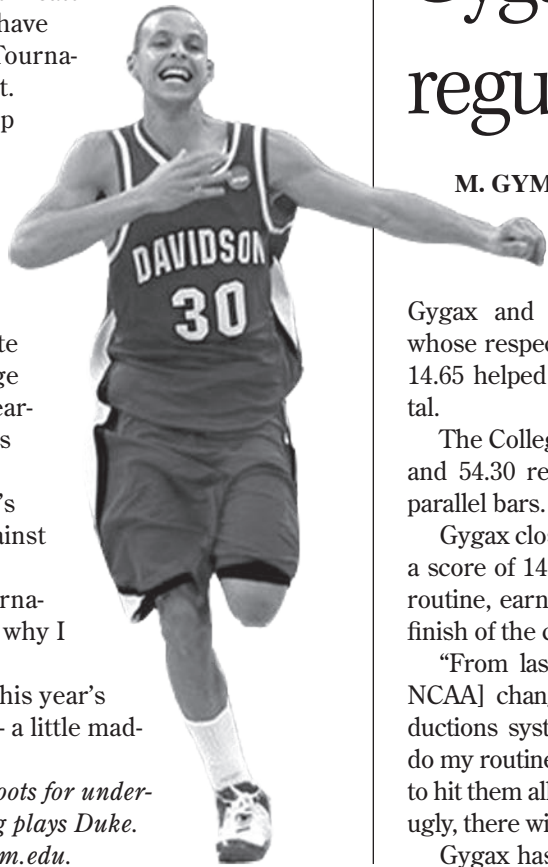
Even if this year's tournament continues with few surprises and a Final Four featuring four no. 1 seeds, I'll have over 15 years of NCAA Tournament memories to revisit.

I remember staying up late with my mom and watching Duke's Christian Laettner beat Kentucky in 1992. I was only five years old. Other personal favorites: Davidson's Elite Eight run in 2008, George Mason's Final Four appearance in 2006, Richmond's upset of South Carolina in 1998 and Bryce Drew's buzzer-beating three against Ole Miss in 1998.

That's the NCAA Tournament at its finest. That's why I watch.

And that's also what this year's tournament is lacking — a little madness.

Andrew Pike always roots for underdogs. Unless the underdog plays Duke. E-mail him at aapike@wm.edu.



College drops two of three to open CAA play

BASEBALL from page 10

ball loose from Osteen's glove and, in the ensuing confusion, Osteen failed to relay the ball to the infield in time to beat the lead runner at home. The error was the 33rd of the year for the Tribe.

One batter later, Georgia State catcher Marc Mimault grounded-out to second base with runners on second and third, tying the game at three when a run came in.

"Our margin of error is definitely tighter [due to the fielding issues], there's no question. It changes the way you try to manage the game," Leoni said. "We've had instances where we've given some extra outs in innings and then pitchers get tight. Pitchers are trying to make some perfect pitch."

Leoni would prove prophetic two innings later when Landry gave up an RBI single, as well as a two-run home run to Mimault. Stampono went 2-4 in the contest and senior shortstop Lanny Stanfield went 1-4 with two RBI.

TRIBE 9, GEORGIA STATE 12

Compared to the two previous games, the rubber-match of the series on Sunday proved anti-climatic as Georgia State clinched the series with the victory.

The College scored 9 runs on 16 hits with a number of players, including senior outfielder Rob Nickle (3-4 with a home run), junior centerfielder Tyler Truxell (2-4 with a double) and freshman catcher Chris Forsten (3-5 with 2 runs scored) breaking out of prolonged of-



KYLE MCMAHON — THE FLAT HAT
Senior infielder Tyler Stampono recorded 5 hits and 5 RBIs over the weekend series with Georgia State.

fensive slumps that contributed to the Tribe entering the series with a combined batting average of .273.

Freshman pitcher Chris Yates (0-2) got the loss. However, the offensive production, along with the scoreless final two innings pitched by Billbrough and Landry seemed to put the loss in perspective for at least two members of the Tribe.

"It's not a bad loss at all. We're definitely starting to get back on track. The hits are start-

ing to come, the fielding's starting to come," Forsten said. "[The team's] definitely come a long ways since the beginning of the season."

Leoni agreed, noting the lowered expectations due to the team's slow start.

"Considering all the variables surrounding this particular team, today was an ok game for us," he said. "Pitchers walked too many guys, got knocked around. We dropped some balls but for this team, the way this team has been playing, this wasn't so bad."

Gygax leads College in regular season finale

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mark of 15.35. Hilbun received support from Gygax and freshman Dan Melzar, whose respective scores of 15.05 and 14.65 helped the Tribe to a 59.30 total.

The College posted scores of 55.05 and 54.30 respectively on rings and parallel bars.

Gygax closed out the meet earning a score of 14.30 with a solid high bar routine, earning his fourth first-place finish of the competition.

"From last year to this year, [the NCAA] changed the scoring and deductions system," Gygax said. "I just do my routines as well as I can and try to hit them all because if you fall, or it's ugly, there will be major deductions." Gygax has adjusted to the system,

hitting 49 of his 53 routines this season.

With the regular season behind them, the College now turns its attention to the USA Gymnastics Collegiate Championship. The Tribe has taken six of the last seven USAG titles and 11 in the championship's 14-year history.

"We want to do as well as we can [next weekend at USAGs]," Gygax said. "For us to win USAGs we will need the guys that weren't able to compete this weekend. It is going to be a hard meet. Everyone has a little vengeance because of what happened last year."

The College will look to overcome last year's second-place finish to the Naval Academy. The eight-team tournament begins in Kaplan Arena Friday at 5 p.m.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

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Junior Keziel Juneau

MEN'S TENNIS

Tribe drops pair of matches at Blue Gray Classic

The College (13-12) dropped a pair of 4-1 decisions this weekend at the Blue Gray Classic in Montgomery, Ala. Friday night, no. 43 Fresno State University denied the Tribe a victory when senior Dominic Pagon recorded the College's lone point with a straight-set victory at the no. 5 singles position. The next day saw the same result as the Tribe fell to no. 56 Middle Tennessee State University, 4-1. Once again, Pagon tallied the sole point for the College, downing Alex McCann 6-2, 6-0.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

College beats Marshall, falls to Auburn on road

The no. 46 Tribe (6-8) split a pair of weekend matches in Huntington, W. Va., defeating no. 62 Marshall University before falling to no. 45 Auburn University. The College took care of the Thundering Herd in a tight 4-3 match Friday, taking the doubles point before junior Carmen Pop sealed the final margin with a victory at the no. 4 singles slot. Saturday, the Tribe dropped the opening doubles point and then lost the next three singles matches, eventually falling 5-2.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Tribe takes fifth at First Market Bank Invitational

Junior Morgan Stepanek notched a sixth place individual finish to lead the Tribe at this weekend's First Market Bank Intercollegiate in Williamsburg. The College finished fifth out of 22 teams — 30 strokes back of the winner, the University of Alabama. Stepanek fired an 8 over par for the weekend, helping the Tribe jump four spots in Sunday's second round. Sophomore Katie Murphy aided that effort, finishing in a tie for 21st at 15 over par after notching a second-round 77.

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

College finishes fourth at ECAC Championship

The College placed fourth out of seven teams at the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference championships in New Haven, Conn. this weekend. Freshman Kristin Milardo garnered All-Conference distinction in three separate events at the meet. The Tribe posted a 190.125 team score, just short of Towson's winning 193.325. Milardo racked up honors in the floor, vault and beam exercises on her way to a third place finish in the all-around.

— By Matt Poms

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BASEBALL

Panthers slide past College

Ga. State takes two of three games from Tribe

By JACK LAMBERT
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Things have not been looking up lately for the College of William and Mary; but, if there was one thing the Tribe learned from their 5-11 record coming into the weekend, it's that the game is never over until it's over.

The Tribe (6-13, 1-2 CAA) lost 2 out of 3 this weekend to Georgia State University. Friday and Saturday night's games extended into extra innings.

TRIBE 9, GEORGIA STATE 8

Saturday, the squad's 15 inning win was the longest game ever played in Plumeri Park history. It was the fourth time the Tribe has gone into extra frames this season, evidence of the "never say die" attitude of Head Coach Frank Leonini's young squad.

"This is the type of win that can turn our season around," sophomore pitcher Logan Billbrough said after Saturday's victory. "I know we haven't gotten off to a hot start, but conference play is what matters, and that's what we're trying to win."

Billbrough (1-1) pitched the final six innings of the ballgame for the victory, holding the Panthers scoreless after initially giving up 2 runs in the tenth.

Pitchers senior Jeremy Neustifter, sophomore Tim Norton, freshman Jay McCarthy and Billbrough combined to keep the College's offense within striking distance. Although the Tribe has scored 22 fewer runs than their opponents this season, they were able to plate one more than the Panthers Saturday thanks to



KYLE MCMAHON — THE FLAT HAT

Freshman infielder Tadd Bower attempts to tag out a Georgia State player during Saturday's 9-8, extra-inning win.

freshman outfielder Stephen Arcure's 15th inning, game-winning RBI single.

"We talked about it on day one in September — that we were going to need everybody's contribution at some point," Leonini said. "Today was the epitome of that. My team has been struggling mightily, and nobody quit getting down 6-1, and then getting down by 2 in the tenth. They had every reason to quit, and they didn't."

Junior catcher Chris Jensen went 3-6 with 3 runs scored, while senior third baseman Tyler Stampone went 2-6 with 2 doubles.

TRIBE 4, GEORGIA STATE 6

Friday night's ballgame also went into extra innings, but the Panthers defeated the Tribe in 10 frames. Junior pitcher Kevin Landry (0-2) was the hard-luck loser, going the final four innings in relief of freshman starter Cole Shain. Landry

gave up 5 runs, 4 earned, with 2 coming in the eighth after an error in left field by sophomore Derek Osteen.

With runners on first and second, Osteen, making his first collegiate appearance in left field, collided with the fence as he attempted to make the catch on a ball hit by Panthers third baseman, Bradley Logan. The collision jarred the

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LACROSSE

High scoring attack leads Tribe

College outduels Spiders for 19-11 triumph, evens record

By JAMISON SHABANOWITZ
Flat Hat Staff Writer

TRIBE 19, RICHMOND 11

After a heartbreaking overtime loss at the hands of no. 2 University of Virginia last Tuesday night in Charlottesville, College of William and Mary Head Coach Christine Halfpenny spoke of the likelihood of the team going on a nine game winning streak.

Fortunately, the win-less University of Richmond was scheduled to go against the College next. The fact that Halfpenny's women have not beaten the Spiders in the past two seasons created the perfect opportunity to get rid of the bitter taste of last week's loss to U. Va.

The Tribe (4-4) capitalized on its opportunity, hitting its stride at the end of the first half, reeling off six straight goals. The effort propelled the squad to a 19-11 victory over the Spiders (0-9).

Attacker Ashley Holofcener and midfielder Grace Golden, both sophomores, led the team with 3 goals apiece in the first half, helping the College to an 11-5 intermission advantage, outshooting the Spiders 19-8.

"I think it was a big win. We definitely worked as a team," Holofcener said, who led the team with 7 points (3 goals, 4 assists).

The Spiders came out firing in the second half, notching 3 goals within the first eight minutes. On top of the Richmond barrage, sophomore goalkeeper Emily Geary was replaced by freshman Lauren Binzer seven minutes after the halftime break following an injury. Binzer held off a Spider surge midway through the second half, only allowing 3 tallies for the remainder of the game in her third appearance this season.

See **LACROSSE** page 9COURTESY PHOTO — WILLIAM AND MARY SPORTS INFORMATION
Sophomore Grace Golden led the College with 4 goals.

MEN'S GYMNASTICS

Tribe stomps Madison for win

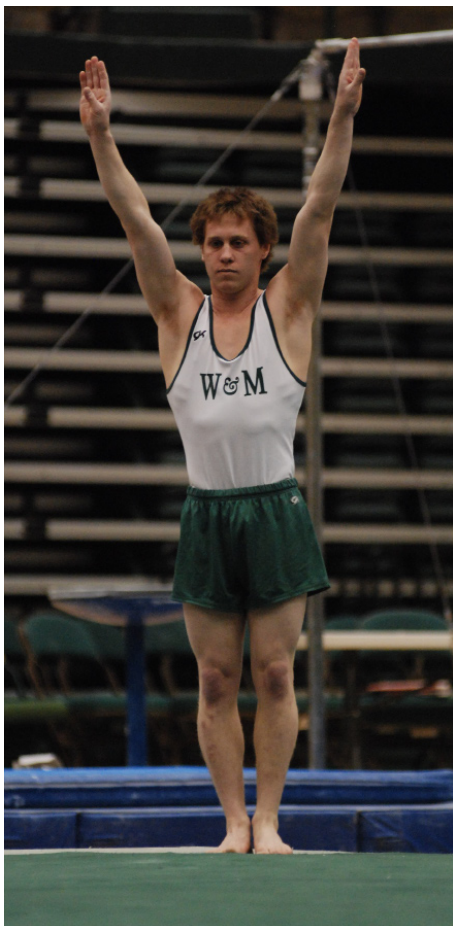
College records second highest score of season at home meet

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Despite injuries to a number of gymnasts, the no. 12-ranked College of William and Mary (11-6) recorded its second-highest score of the season with a dominating 337.30-286.550 victory over James Madison University Sunday afternoon at Kaplan Arena. The victory came in the last regular season meet of the year for the Tribe. The College will host the USA Gymnastics Collegiate Championship this Friday to kick off its post-season push.

Junior Derek Gygax headlined the Tribe's day, notching wins on floor exercise, rings, parallel bars and high bar en route to an all-around total of 85.55. The nation's no. 12 all-arounder had another standout performance, counting 5 of his 6 routines towards the team total.

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Junior Derek Gygax

"It was crazy how high we scored [considering the injuries we have]," Gygax said. "Our hit percentage was by far the highest it had been all year. Everyone was in the zone and helping each other out."

Injuries to sophomores Andy Hunter and Matt Olesiak, junior Josh Fried and a class conflict for sophomore co-captain Max Sabert provided Head Coach Cliff Gauthier a limited roster with which to work.

Despite the adversity, the Tribe got off to a solid start on floor exercise with a 55.65 cumulative score as Gygax led off his consistent day with a mark of 14.10.

Seniors Richard Pearson and James Prim earned an identical 14.65 score on the pommel horse, helping the College to a season-best total of 57.10.

Fellow senior Jay Hilbun took the top spot on vault with a career-best

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FROM THE SIDELINES

Lack of cinderella stories takes away from madness

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The NCAA Tournament has been full of almosts — at least for the underdogs.

After 49 games, we've seen a grand total of 11 upsets, but most of those 8/9 and 7/10 match-ups don't really count.

The only non top-four seeds to advance to the Sweet Sixteen: Arizona, a 12th-seed from the PAC-10 that beat Utah and Cleveland State, and Purdue, a 5th-seed who "upset" 4th-seeded Washington. Those are this year's Cinderella stories. How boring.

The truth is, the 2009 tournament has been less than satisfying, though my Duke Blue Devils did make the Sweet Sixteen, "phew". Sure, games like Virginia Commonwealth-UCLA and Western Kentucky-Gonzaga were exciting, but where were the buzzer-beating heroes? Eric Maynor tried. So did Orlando Mendez-Valdez.

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